(c) how long it will take for Railways to build such a system;

(d) whether any steps have been taken in this direction; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal to acquire such capital intensive technology at present.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

टेलीफोन कनैक्शनों के लिए सांसदों से प्राप्त आवेदन पत्र

1167. **श्री राम गोपाल यादव:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) जनवरी से जुलाई 1995 की अवधि के दौरान सांसदों से टेलीफोन कनैक्शनों के लिए कितने आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त हुए हैं; और

(ख) जनवरी, 1995 से अब तक सांसदों के कोटे के अलावा उन्हें कुल कितने टेलीफोन कनैक्शन जारी किए गए हैं?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम): (क) और (ख) अपेक्षित सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन-पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Productivity of Forests by Quality Seeds

1168. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up a plan to increase the productivity of forests by quality seeds;

(b) the criteria to be adopted for making the quality seeds available to user agencies; and

(c) the details of the plan thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) has been entrusted the responsibility of development and certification of quality seeds. This work is being done through eight institutes/centres of Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education located in various parts of the country. Central Government is also giving 100% financial assistance to State Government under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Seed Development.'

(b) and (c) Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education has developed seed testing rules for 59 forest tree species as per the guidelines of International Seed Testing Agency. Silviculture Division of Forest Research Institute has been arranging seeds for meeting specific requirements of Forest Departments, NGO's, farmers etc.

Extinction of Teak and Sal Trees

1169. SHRI SHIV PRASAD CHANPURIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where teak and sal (shorea) trees are found;

(b) what was the state-wise income earned by Government from these trees during the year 1994-95;

(c) what is the number of instances of illegal felling of these valuable trees detected during the last three years and the value of such wood; and

(d) what is the state-wise area of land where plantation of teak and sal trees had taken place during the last three years indicating the details of trees separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Teak in naturally occuring in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Bihar, Maharashtra, North-Eastern States and the Southern States of India. Sal grows